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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual Self-Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that it is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

I, Lisa Cope, attest for the Study Area Code listed below that all federal high-cost support and/or CAF provided to Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year (**2016**) and will be used in the coming calendar year (**2018**) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.”¹

| <u>Company Name</u> | <u>Study Area Code</u> |
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| Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 290553 |

If you have any questions you may contact me at 931-668-4131.

Thank you


Lisa Cope

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